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SUMMARY: REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RC) ANNOUNCED REORGANIZATION OF RC WHICH WILL CREATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE WITH POLITICAL, MILITARY, AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES UNDER IT. IT IS TOO SOON TO DETERMINE WHAT EFFECT, IF ANY, THE REORGANIZATION WILL HAVE ON THE RC POLITICAL BALANCE. END SUMMARY

1. IN STATEMENT ISSUED EARLY MORNING HOURS JUNE 28 REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING REORGANIZATION:

--RC INTERNAL STRUCTURE WILL CONSIST OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE; POLITICAL COMMITTEE; MILITARY COMMITTEE; AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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--NEWLY-CREATED CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL: (1) DEAL WITH CURRENT

MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE DECISION OF RESTRICTED ORGANS OF RC; AND (2) REVIEW ANALYSES AND NEGOTIATIONS OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND PROVIDE OPINIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND ORGANS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

--CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL HAVE ELEVEN MEMBERS: PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES (WHO WILL PRESIDE); PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES; GENERAL STAFFS CHIEF AZEVEDO (NAVY), FABIAO (ARMY), MARAIS DA SILVA(AF); COPCON COMMANDER CARVALHO; PRESIDENT OF SUPPORT SERVICES OF RC ADM ROSA COUTINHO; FOUR MEMBERS OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE (CHARAIS, JUDAS, MACEDO AND RAMIRO CORREIA WERE ON COMMITTEE BEFORE, THEY MAY STILL BE ON OR THERE MAY BE NEW MEMBERS. --POLITICAL COMMITTEE WILL BE CHARGED WITH MAINTAINING CONTINUING CONTACT WITH POLITICAL FORCES, INCLUDING POLITICAL PARTIES-- ESPECIALLY THOSE OF COALITION GOVERNMENT--AS WELL AS UNIONS AND OTHER MASS ORGANIZATIONS. --RC PLENARY WILL CONTINUE TO SET GENERAL POLICY LINES TO BE FOLLOWED.

2. RC STATEMENT DOES NOT DISCUSS FUNCTIONS OF EITHER MILITARY COMMITTEE OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

3. OTHER RC DECISIONS ANNOUNCED WERE:

--APPROVAL OF DECREE-LAW CREATING MILITARY JUDICIAL POLICE SERVICE UNDER RC SUPERVISION. --APPROVAL OF DECREE-LAW ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR FUNCTIONING OF REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY TRIBUNAL TO JUDGE THOSE IMPLICATED IN MARCH 11 COUP ATTEMPT. --SCHEDULING OF NEXT ASSEMBLY OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT FOR JULY 8.

4. IN PREPARATION FOR AFM GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NAVY AFM ASSEMBLY MET JUNE 27 AND ISSUED NASTY STATEMENT WHICH PICKS UP CURRENT COMMUNIST (PCP) THEMES AND LANGUAGE. STATEMENT ASSERTS THAT ONLY WAY TO ADVANCE REVOLUTION IS THROUGH "REAL UNITY BETWEEN WORKERS AND ALL PROGRESSIVE FORCES ON BASIS OF CONCRETE TASKS." STATEMENT NOTES THAT PROPOSAL FOR PUTTING INTO PRACTICE THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT AND PEOPLE WAS DISCUSSED. STATEMENT ALSO ISSUED AN "ALERT" AGAINST ALLEGED INTERNATIONAL MANEUVER DESIGNED TO DISTORT PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION, THEREBY CONVERTING PORTUGAL INTO AN "ANTI-COMMUNIST" VACCINATION" CONFIDENTIAL

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5. COMMENT: RESULTS OF NAVY ASSEMBLY REFLECT CONTINUING DOMINATION BY COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS, AND RC MEMBERS CAPT. RAMIRO CORREIA, LT. JOSE JUDAS, AND LCDR CARLOS CONTREIRAS. SAME GROUPS CAN BE EXPECTED TO PUSH HARD FOR AFM ASSEMBLY TO ADOPT SIMILAR LINE CONGENIAL TO PCP.

6. ON ONE LEVEL, INTERNAL REORGANIZATION SHOULD STRENGTHEN
DECISION-MAKING ABILITY OF RC. PLENARY OF RC REMAINS AN
UNWIELDY BODY--WITNESS FREQUENCY OF ALL-NIGHT SESSIONS. FORMATION
OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHOULD HELP MATTERS, IF ONLY, BY REDUCING
MEMBERS PRESENT. FREQUENCY OF RC PLENARIES ALSO PLACED
HARDSHIPS ON RC MEMBERS LOCATED OUTSIDE LISBON, E.G. THREE REGIONAL
MILITARY COMMANDERS RECENTLY ADDED TO RC. IT IS TOO SOON TO TELL
HOW REORGANIZATION OF RC WILL AFFECT INTERNAL POLITICAL STRUGGLE
WITHIN RC.

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